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Changes to Payments for Operative Anaesthesia Services

In keeping with the recommendations of the joint ministry-Ontario Medical Association Operative Anaesthesia Committee, the following changes have been made to remuneration for operative anaesthesia services lasting more than two hours.

Effective October 1, 2006, time units are payable for each 15 minutes or part thereof as follows:

Up to and including the first hour 1 unit
After the first hour up to and including the second hour 2 units
After the second hour. 3 units

Time units are calculated on the basis of time spent by the anaesthesiologist and commence when the anaesthesiologist is first in attendance with the patient in the OR for the purpose of initiating anaesthesia and end when the anaesthesiologist is no longer in attendance (when the patient may safely be placed under customary post-operative supervision).

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